

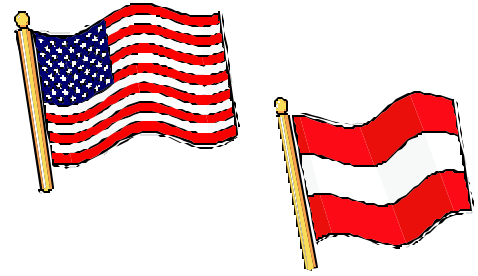


# Headline News

## Region 7

### TNC Cathy Maxwell Receives Russell Montgomery Award

West Central Georgia Region 7 EMS presented Cathy Maxwell, RN of The Medical Center in Columbus with the Russell Montgomery, SR. award on March 11th for her "profound dedication, unequalled professionalism, and sincere commitment to quality patient care". She has made outstanding contributions to the development, implementation, and delivery of emergency medical services, particularly as it relates to trauma throughout Region 7. Her efforts and involvement in activities to strengthen public awareness and support for Georgia's EMS and trauma system is almost without parallel. **Congratulations Cathy!**



### Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Goes to Austria

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta's child passenger safety program titled, "From Planning to Reality, A Hospital Based Child Passenger Safety Program" was selected out of the 1800 abstracts submitted. The program will be presented at the 7th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion in Vienna, Austria on June 6-9, 2004.



## Welcome Newcomers / Announcements

**Kristal Claxton**—Region 5  
EMS Training Coordinator

**Wes Simonds**—Region 6  
EMS Training Coordinator

**Dennis Ashley, MD**, with the Medical Center of Central Georgia, will supersede Grace Rozycki, MD as the Georgia Chairperson for the Committee On Trauma for the American College of Surgeons.

### New location for the Region 5 EMS Office:

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If you have news you would like to share, please forward the information to: **Marie Probst** at mprobst@gdph.state.ga.us to be included in the next issue.

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## EMS Education and Events



### GEMA's 2004 Governor's

#### Emergency Management Conference

May 10-12, 2004 at the Savannah International Trade and Convention Center. For further information, call 1-800-GEMA

### 2004 EMS Awards Banquet

The Georgia Association of EMTs, Inc. is sponsoring the event on Thursday, May 13, 2004 at the Macon Coliseum & Centreplex, from 6:00 pm to 10:00pm. Nomination forms for outstanding performance and dedication are available through the Regional EMS Coordinators or contact the State Office of EMS/Trauma at 404-679-0547. For information and reservation fee contact Richard Roberts, President of the EMT Association at 229-432-1313 or at [darin@surfsouth.com](mailto:darin@surfsouth.com).

### National EMS Week

The 30th Anniversary of the National EMS Week is May 16-22, 2004. This year's theme is "EMS: There When You Need Us". The EMS Week 2004 Planning Kit is available to assist in the coordination, planning, and promotion of EMS Week activities in individual communities across the country.

**EMS for Children Day** - During National EMS Week, Wednesday, May 19th is devoted to EMS for Children activities. We encourage you to direct your activities and events towards child safety and injury prevention. Details for events are provided in the EMS Week 2004 Planning Kit.

**G-8 Summit**- On June 8-10, 2004 at Sea Island, Georgia a group of national and international leaders will be assembling to discuss world issues. EMS Directors or designees interested in providing EMS coverage should contact Jim Turner at 912-369-9403 or [jturner@libertyregional.org](mailto:jturner@libertyregional.org). Training will begin in April.

### Next EMS Council meetings and contacts:

Region 1—April 15, David Loftin  
Region 2—June 17, Earl McGrotha  
Region 3—May TBA, Marty Billings  
Region 4—April 20, Billy Watson  
Region 5—June 17, Chris Threlkeld  
Region 6—May 12, Lawanna Mercer-Cobb  
Region 7—TBA, Sam Cunningham  
Region 8—April 15, Robert Vick  
Region 9—April 22, Shirley Starling

Region 10—June TBA, Earl McGrotha

**18th Annual Georgia EMS Conference**, August 17-20, 2004 at the Sea Palms Golf and Tennis Resort on St. Simons Island. For information, contact 912-354-1011.

**Region 1** Contact Jim Cutcher at 706-295-6175 for more details pertaining to any of the following:

#### BTLS Courses—

May-TBA Chattanooga, TN.

June/July-TBA Floyd and Murray Counties.

#### National Registry Exam—

June 19th, Ft. Oglethorpe High School

#### PHTLS Instructor Course—

1. Life Force in Chattanooga

2. Coosa Valley Tech, Rome, contact Larry Vandegriff at 770-480-9601.

### Region 5

PHTLS at the Medical Center of Central Georgia April 17-18. contact Debra Kitchens at 478-633-1584.

### Region 7

BTLS at The Medical Center in Columbus for prehospital providers. Contact the Region 7 EMS Office at 706-321-6150 or [drenfinger@gdph.state.ga.us](mailto:drenfinger@gdph.state.ga.us)

## Regional EMS Coordinator News

**Region 1** held two BTLS and two Pediatric BTLS courses last quarter. Jim Cutcher and Children's Healthcare teamed up to hold a course that received an overwhelming response in Chattanooga, TN. Eighteen people are already scheduled for the next course in May!

**Region 7-** The annual Region 7 EMS Awards Banquet was held on March 11 at Columbus Regional Medical Center. Approximately 160 individuals attended the event. After the banquet, "The Stars of Life" audio-visual presenta-

tion was shown and humorist Roddy Gray entertained the crowd. The Region 7 EMS Council presents four awards annually. The 2004 recipients are:

#### \* *RUSSELL MONTGOMERY AWARD:*

Cathy Maxwell - Columbus Regional Medical Center

\* *REGION 7 EMS DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR:* David McCall - Harris County EMS

\* *REGION 7 EMT OF THE YEAR:* Paula Carter of Columbus Fire and EMS

\* *REGION 7 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE OF THE YEAR:* Harris County EMS

### Geriatric Education for EMS

The Region 7 and Region 4 EMS offices co-sponsored a Geriatric Education for EMS (GEMS) Course in February. GEMS focuses on the practical, hands on skills needed in the management of geriatric emergencies. A total of 27 students from the two regions completed the course.

## Office of EMS/Trauma News

### Operations Research and Analysis

**Section (ORAS):** 1. The 2003 PCR data continues to trickle into the State Office from the Regional Offices which receive the data from the ambulance services. 2. GEMSIS Strategic Plan, GAEMSIS web pilot evaluation, and the EMS-C federal grant report were all major activities lead by ORAS this quarter. 3. ORAS group contributed to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety Traffic Record Assessment. The NHTSA team envisioned a "multi-year process that will result in a completely new crash system designed to meet the needs of all users".

4. ORAS joined the Office of Injury Prevention to work on the Advisory Board of the Crash Outcome Data Evaluation System (CODES) project. The primary function of the CODES Advisory Board is to develop a plan of data analysis using a linked data set.

5. 4th quarter State Trauma Registry data was received in March and will be used in the upcoming trauma publication.

### Trauma Section:

A list serve and data base of Georgia hospitals and contacts has been developed for the six month federal trauma grant report. It will be

submitted in April. The Trauma System Development and Medical Review Committees met in March to receive updates on the Trauma Plan. Data from the State Trauma Registry is being utilized by two medical students at The Medical College of Georgia for research. Dr. Pat O'Neal presented trauma data at Emory and Changes.

### Certification Section:

All recertification packets for Paramedics, EMT-I and Cardiac Technicians have been mailed. Packets are due back in the State Office by 6/30/04.

# Trauma Education and Events

## **Trauma Lecture Series at The Medical Center in Columbus, Ga**

Held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Conference Center at The Medical Center in Columbus at approx. 12:30p.m. Lunch is provided. The lectures feature speakers with extensive experience in their field of practice who present trauma specific topics that the local audience has requested. Come and listen to earn your 1.2 CEU's. Upcoming lectures will be held on April 14th, May-N/A, and June 9th. For more information, please contact Cathy Maxwell at [cathy.maxwell@crhs.net](mailto:cathy.maxwell@crhs.net).

## **Trauma Lecture Series at DeKalb Medical Center**

Held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in DMC Theater from 8am to 9am. There is no charge or registration, breakfast is served to early birds, and CEU/CME/prehospital credit is given. The lectures are open to anyone interested in trauma. For more information, please contact Kelly Nadeau at [knadeau@dkmc.org](mailto:knadeau@dkmc.org).

**31st National Trauma Conference**, sponsored by the American Trauma Society. "Injury Prevention: From Research to Practice", at the Key Bridge Marriott, Arlington, Va., April 30-May 2, 2004. Contact ATS at 1-800-556-7890 or 301-420-4189 or [www.amtrauma.org](http://www.amtrauma.org).

## **Mary Beth Bowns Excellence in Trauma Care Award.**

The award will be presented at the EMS Awards banquet on May 13th. Please submit nomination forms to Renee Morgan by April 2, 2004. To obtain a form, please contact Renee Morgan at

[rwmorgan@gdph.state.ga.us](mailto:rwmorgan@gdph.state.ga.us) or 404-679-0547.

## **2nd Annual Day of Trauma Conference**

On May 19th, Columbus Regional Healthcare System will present a full day of trauma related topics provided by speakers from the local community as well as guest speakers from other trauma centers. Registration is \$30.00 and includes 6 hours of CEU's, cont. breakfast and lunch. The conference times are 8:00-3:00. For more information, contact Cathy Maxwell at [cathy.maxwell@crhs.net](mailto:cathy.maxwell@crhs.net).

## **Next Trauma Coordinator Meeting:**

May 26th, 11:00-3:00 in The Skyland Center, upper level conference room. For more information, please contact Renee Morgan at [rwmorgan@gdph.state.ga.us](mailto:rwmorgan@gdph.state.ga.us) or 404-679-0547.

## **ATLS Courses**

*Medical Center of Central Georgia* in Macon on July 17 & 18. Please contact Debra Kitchens at [kitchens.debra@mccg.org](mailto:kitchens.debra@mccg.org) for more information.

*The Medical Center in Columbus* on October 28-29. Please contact John Lunde at [jrlunde@aol.com](mailto:jrlunde@aol.com).

**Trauma Center Redesignation Packets** are due in the Office of EMS/Trauma on May 1, 2004. Redesignations will be scheduled in the Fall of 2004.

# Kid's Corner



## **DO's and DON'T's When Transporting Children:**

**DO** take the car seat with the child to the hospital from the home or the scene.

**DO** drive at safe speeds.

**DO NOT** leave monitoring devices and other equipment unsecured.

**DO NOT** allow parents, caregivers, EMTs or other passengers to be unrestrained.

**DO NOT** allow the child/infant to be held in the parent, caregiver or EMT's arms or lap during transport.

Nominations are being accepted for the **Joseph E. Simon Pediatric Award of Excellence**. The award will be presented at the EMS Awards Banquet on May 13th in Macon. Contact Kelly Buddenhagen at [kmbuddenhagen@gdph.state.ga.us](mailto:kmbuddenhagen@gdph.state.ga.us) for a nomination form.

## **Child Abuse Prevention Month**

April is Child Abuse Prevention month. All ambulance services will be receiving a "Guidelines for Child Abuse and Maltreatment Incidents" reference card in the mail. For more information contact Kelly Buddenhagen at [kmbuddenhagen@gdph.state.ga.us](mailto:kmbuddenhagen@gdph.state.ga.us) or go to [www.preventchildabuse.org](http://www.preventchildabuse.org).

## **The Child Passenger Safety Program**

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta taught a 4 day pilot class with the new Child Passenger Safety curriculum. CHOA certified six new technicians. They were also able to perform 25 car seat checks on Friday, March 19th.

## **Annual EMS-C Pediatric Conference**

June 2&3, 2004 at the Georgia Mountain Center in Gainesville, Ga. Contact Kelly Buddenhagen at [kmbuddenhagen@gdph.state.ga.us](mailto:kmbuddenhagen@gdph.state.ga.us) for more information or for a flyer.



## Trauma Registry FAQ's



What data elements should be 100% complete on the standard Trauma Patient Data Completion Percentage Report before downloading data to the State Trauma Registry to eliminate the duplication of records? **The three key data elements are the Patient Identifier, ED Arrival Time, and ED Arrival Date. Contact the State Trauma Registrar if any of the three data elements are not 100% on the report before downloading trauma registry data.**

What data is entered for the ED Arrival Date and ED Arrival Time data elements if the patient is directly admitted to the facility and is not admitted through the ED? **On the ED Admission screen, enter "Y" for the Direct Admit data element, enter the date of arrival at the facility for the ED Arrival Date and the time of arrival on the Floor, ICU, etc. for the ED Arrival Time.**

What option is selected as the ED Admitting Service on the ED Admission II screen if the patient expires in the ED or arrives DOA? **Not Available (default)**

What option is selected as the Discharge Service on the Hospital Outcome screen if the patient expires in the ED or arrives DOA? **Emergency Medicine**—if the specialist is not present in the ED.  
**Specialist type**—if the specialist comes to the ED and treats the patient.

What option is selected as the ED Disposition on the ED Admission II screen if the patient is directly admitted to the hospital? **Not Available (default)**

What data is entered on the 1st Prehospital screen? **EMS report data from the scene to the initial facility.**

What data is entered on the 2nd Prehospital screen? **EMS report data collected between a transferring facility and the receiving facility. Enter data on significant cases only unless otherwise instructed by the receiving facility's trauma coordinator or medical director.**

Can I enter custom options into the drop down lists? **Any changes to a data element's standard list of options should be voted on at the Trauma Coordinator meeting to insure consistency across the state. Failure to do so may result in resubmission of a facility's download to the State Trauma Registry.**

How can I obtain additional training on how to use the trauma registry? **1. Marie Probst, State Trauma Registrar is available to provide one on one training as needed at your facility. Please contact Marie at 404-679-0544 or at mprobst@gdph.stat.e.ga.us. 2. Attend a NTRACS training class. Contact NTRACS technical support for a schedule of locations, dates and fees.**

## Georgia EMS Professional Statistics

The following statistics were presented at the CHANGES 2004 conference on March 29-31 by the Operations Research and Analysis Section of the Office of EMS/Trauma.

### License Type In Georgia

EMT-I = 7356 61%    EMT-P = 4361 36%    EMT-B = 298 2%    CT = 111 1%

### EMS by Gender

Male = 829    Female = 2225    Unknown = 1604

### Factoids

There are 4039 (approx. 33%) NREMT's registered leaving 6915 not registered and 1172 unknown if they are registered or not.

The largest group of EMS professionals is between the ages of 30 and 39. Next is age 40 to 49.

There is a slight increase in females entering the field.

The average time in occupation for Georgia is unknown.

The largest affiliation is with Fire Departments, next is with hospitals.



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